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SUBJ: REMARKS TO PRESS AFTER ATHERTON'S MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN
- FOREIGN MINISTER

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF REMARKS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALFRED L.
ATHERTON AND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING THEIR
TWO-HOUR MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY:

ATHERTON: GOOD EVENING, THE MINISTER AND I HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD TALK.
WE RESUMED THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WERE CARRYING ON BEFORE PRESIDENT
SADAT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR A
COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST. I TOOK
THE OCCASION TO CONVEY TO THE MINISTER THE IDEAS THAT I ACQUIRED
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DURING MY TALKS IN ISRAEL IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND I WILL BE
GOING BACK IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO TO ISRAEL TO CONVEY SOME OF THE
CONCRETE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO ME TODAY IN OUR TALKS
HERE.

QUESTION: ARE YOU GOING BACK TOMORROW?

ATHERTON: I MAY GO BACK TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY. I AM LEAVING IT A LITTLE BIT FLEXIBLE, BECAUSE WE WILL WANT TO HAVE AT LEAST ANOTHER INFORMAL EXCHANGE BY TELEPHONE TOMORROW BEFORE I MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

QUESTION: ARE THERE PLANS TO MEET PRESIDENT SADAT?

ATHERTON: AS YOU KNOW, I AM SURE, PRESIDENT SADAT IS INDISPOSED AT THE PRESENT TIME AND I DON'T EXPECT THEREFORE THERE WILL BE A OCCASION DURING THIS STOP, BUT I FULLY EXPECT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT DURING ONE OF MY VISITS TO CAIRO. I WILL BE COMING BACK MORE THAN ONE TIME DURING THIS MISSION.

QUESTION: (INAUDIBLE)

ATHERTON: THE FOCUS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AT THE MOMENT IS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WAS BEGUN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND IS BEING CARRIED ON WITH OUR HELP. I THINK IT HAS BEEN STATED MANY TIMES THAT ONE OF THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES IS TO ACHIEVE A DECLARATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A BROADENING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR OTHER PARTIES TO JOIN, BUT AT THIS POINT WE ARE DISCUSSING THE DECLARATION HERE.

QUESTION: (INAUDIBLE)

ATHERTON: I AM GOING TO HAVE TO SAY WHAT I SAID IN RESPONSE TO THE SAME QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE HAD IN OTHER STOPS. I DON'T WANT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GET TO THE SUBSTANCE OR DETAILS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. THEY ARE GOING TO BE GOING ON OVER MANY DAYS AND IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DISCUSS AFTER EACH MEETING THE SPECIFICS OF THAT MEETING OR THE DETAILS AND THE STATUS AT ANY GIVEN POINT.

QUESTION: WERE THERE AMERICAN IDEAS PRESENTED HERE OR THERE?

ATHERTON: I THINK I SAID THE OTHER DAY, AT THE PRESENT TIME I AM BASICALLY CONVEYING VIEWS FROM ISRAEL TO HERE AND FROM HERE TO ISRAEL. WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WOULD, IF WE FELT THAT WE HAVE SOME IDEAS WHICH WOULD HELP RESOLVE DIFFERENCES, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUGGEST THEM, BUT I THINK IT IS PREMATURE TO TALK IN TERMS OF AMERICAN IDEAS AT THIS STAGE.

QUESTION: DO YOU EXPECT TO GET IDEAS HERE TOMORROW?

ATHERTON: I HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME HELPFUL IDEAS FROM THE MINISTER, AND I WILL BE CONVEYING THESE WHEN I GO BACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU FIND THE IDEAS, PLEASE?

KAMEL: I WOULD ONLY REPEAT WHAT MR. ATHERTON SAID THAT FIRST WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIM HERE AND THIS IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE

AMERICAN INTEREST IN GETTING THE PARTIES -- HELPING THE PARTIES TO REACH THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WE HOPE WILL LEAD TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SETTLE' I HAVE HEARD FROM MR. ATHERTON THE VIEWS. HE CONVEYED TO ME THE VIEWS OF THE ISRAELI SIDE AND ON OUR PART WE CONVEYED TO HIM CERTAIN VIEWS THAT WE HOPE HE WILL PRESENT TO THE OTHER SIDE. AS I SAID BEFORE, AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO THE U.S., PRESIDENT CARTER PROMISED TO DOUBLE THE AMERICAN EFFORTS TO HELP THE PARTIES REACH THIS COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, AND THIS IS BEING DONE NOW. MR. ATHERTON IS HERE AFTER BEING IN ISRAEL, AND I THINK HE WILL BE MOVING BETWEEN HERE AND ISRAEL FOR SOME TIME. WE HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY WE WILL GET BACK TO (INAUDIBLE)

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QUESTION: IS THE EGYPTIAN MOOD BETTER NOW THAN IT WAS WHEN THE TALKS WERE BROKEN OFF?

KAMEL: THE EGYPTIAN MOOD IS ALRIGHT. AS HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY DECLARED BY PRESIDENT SADAT, WE WILL LEAVE NO POSSIBILITY UNEXPLORED AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR PEACE PROCESS AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET TO SOMETHING POSITIVE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US ARE YOU HEARING ANYTHING NEW FROM THE ISRAELIS EITHER ABOUT THE WEST BANK OR THE SINAI?

KAMEL: AGAIN I WOULD REPEAT WHAT MR. ATHERTON SAID; I DON'T THINK WE WOULD BE TALKING IN ANY DETAILS NOW.

QUESTION: IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS?

KAMEL: THIS IS A PROCESS WHICH IS GOING ON. WE HOPE THAT DAY AFTER DAY MORE CONCRETE THINGS WILL COME OUT OF THIS.
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INAUDIBLE QUESTION DEALING WITH CYPRUS.

KAMEL: NO, THE CYPRUS THING IS BASED ON HOW CYPRUS WILL BEHAVE REGARDING THE TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED MR. SABAIE AND IF THIS OCCURS, I THINK MATTERS CAN BE RESOLVED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

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